with sharper focus on the girl child like Operation Blackboard, Non-formal education, District Primary Education Programmes, Lok Jumbish Perished and Shiksha Karmi Project.

(iii) State Government's initiatives for distribution of free uniforms and textbooks, attendence allowance, Savitribai Phule Foster Parent Scheme and free education for girls upto class XII.

Dependance on Russia for Spare Parts

398. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is still dependent on Russia for procurement of spare parts for defence equipment;

(b) whether Russia is not capable of exporting some important spare parts to India?

(c) if so, the alternative arrangements made by the country in this regard; and

(d) by when the country is likely to become self sufficient in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Government of India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Russia on guaranteed supply of Defence equipment related items/spare parts, product support and comprehensive services needed for maintanance/repairs overhaul and modernisation. Following the break up of the erstwhile USSR, Government have also been pursuing a policy of estabilishing contacts with Russia as well as each of the successor States of the former USSR for promotion of Defence Cooperation.

Simultaneously, Government are also pursuing measures to sustain defence imports from other sources and to strengthen indigeous production facilities to ensure that the defence requirements of the country are fully met with the objective of self-reliance in production of defence spares.

Kashmiri Militants Arrested in Delhi

399. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kashmiri Militants arrested in Delhi during the last six months;

(b) their names and native addresses and details of the arms and ammunition possessed by them at the time of their arrests by Police;

(c) how many of these persons had received training in Pakistan in handling of arms and ammunition;

(d) the action taken against these persons; and

(e) whether any protest has been lodged with Pakistan and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTR'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) 29 Kashmiri milltants have been arrested by Delhi Police during August, 1995 to 24th Feb. 1996. The names, native addresses and details of arms and ammunition recovered during their arrest and Annexed. [*See Appendix 176 Annexure No. 17*]

(c) Of the arrested persons, 24 had received training in the handling of arms and ammunition from Pakistan.

(d) The arrested persons are being dealt with in accordance with the provisions of law as mentioned against each of these persons.

(e) Government of India have time and again conveyed their concern to Pakistan regarding its support and

promotion of cross-border terrorism directed against India. More recently, on Feb. 26, 1996, we have conveyed our serious concern to Pakistan High Commission informing them that India cannot remain unconcerned at these development.

केसौद, पोरबंदर और कांडला विमानपत्तन की अप्रयुक्ति

400. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि केसौद, पोरबंदर और कांडला विमानपत्तन अप्रयुक्त हवाई अड्डे बन गए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पोरबंदर, केसौद और कांडला हवाई अड्डों का उपयोग कब से किया जा रहा था और इनका उपयोग कब से बंद कर दिया गया और इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन विमानपत्तनों के रख-रखाव के लिए कितनी धनराशि वर्ष-वार खर्च की गई;

(घ) क्या सरकार का विचार इन विमानपत्तनों का वाणिज्यिक उपयोग करने का है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) और (ख) सभी तीनों विमानपत्तन अनुसूचित प्रचालनों के लिए उपयोग में आ रहे हैं।

(ग) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन विमानपत्तनों के अनुरक्षण पर किया गया वर्षवार व्यय निम्नवत है:—

वर्ष	केसौद	पोरबंदर	कांडला
1992-93	15.61	18.49	12.59
1993-94	19.05	18.23	12.75
1994-95	21.59	119.47	16.25

(घ) और (ङ) ये विमानपत्तन पहले ही वाणिज्यिक यातायात के लिए खुले हैं।

पूर्वोत्तर सेक्टर में गाड़ियों की संख्या में वृद्धि

401. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) क्या सरकार वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान इस क्षेत्र में यात्रियों की भारी भीड़ को देखते हुए पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में रेलगाड़ियों की संख्या में वृद्धि करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश कलमाड़ी): (क) से (ग) भारतीय रेलों पर गाड़ियों की संख्या में वृद्धि करने सहित अतिरिक्त गाड़ी सुविधाओं को व्यवस्था करना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है जो यातायात के औचित्य, परिचालनिक व्यवहार्यता तथा संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करती है।

Delay in departure of flights

402. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scheduled departures are delayed despite the flight readiness of the aircraft due to late arrival of the VIPs;

(b) the categories of persons for whom the flights are delayed; and

(c) what is the approximate period according to the categories of the VIPs to delay the flight?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.